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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 416

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Kermit Bowling on the occasion  
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kermit Bowling is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 44 years with the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a native of Clinton, Kermit Bowling graduated from Norris High School in 1948, before attending Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate from 1948-50; he attended the University of Tennessee in 1953, after serving his country in the United States Army from 1950-52, and returned to Lincoln Memorial University in 1955, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Education; and

WHEREAS, Kermit Bowling earned a Master of Science degree with a major in Educational Administration and Supervision from U. T. Knoxville in 1959. He attended George Peabody College in 1964, and, in 1968 received his Ed.D. degree from the University of Tennessee with a major in Educational Administration and a minor in Sociology Curriculum-Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bowling is an active and important part of the community and his profession, and has held membership in numerous professional organizations, including the Tennessee Education Association, the National Education Association, the Anderson County Principals Association, of which he was a past President, the Anderson County Education Association, the American Association of School Administrators from 1966-74, and Phi Delta Kappa from 1967-71; and

WHEREAS, from 1953-59 Kermit Bowling served with probity as Principal of Melbourne Elementary School in Heiskell, and Fairview Elementary School in Norris. He admirably served in the State Department of Education from 1963-78 as Supervisor of Federal Projects, Director of School Plants, and Director of Physical Facilities; he also taught as a Visiting Professor of Education at the University of Tennessee at Nashville in 1966-67 and 1970-74; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bowling spent the years 1978-87 as Director of TOICC in the Tennessee Department of Employment Security, and from 1988-92 he served expertly as Director of Capital Projects at Tennessee State University. In 1992 he became Technical Preparation Coordinator at Volunteer State Community College and will retire from that position on February 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Kermit Bowling has provided valuable consultative service to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama at their respective School Planning Laboratories; Yearwood and Johnson, Architects of Nashville; the In-Service Program of Hardy County Schools in West Virginia; and the Public Schools of Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County in their Building and School Improvement Study; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bowling exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Kermit Bowling has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their fullest potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we thank Dr. Kermit Bowling for his forty-four years of dedicated service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to Dr. Bowling our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.